

# Washington Birder

## 2013 Big Day Reports

### King

2 January 2013; 4:30am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 82/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim Brennan 81, Pete Fahey 81

Traveled: 20 miles by car, 6 miles by foot

Visiting: Soos Creek, Kent Valley, Federal Way and Des Moines waterfront, Lake Fenwick, Cedar River Mouth, Gene Coulton Memorial Park

Species of note:

Missed: Belted Kingfisher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Varied Thrush

Special Interest: Foggy morning, beautiful day! No unusual birds, but a long day of stops that kept giving us new birds. The count total may have been higher, but we restricted ourselves to South King County.

### Cowlitz

20 January 2013; ?am-?pm (11.5 hours birding)

Species Totals: 83/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Becky Kent ?, Russ Koppendrayer ?, Rachel Perry ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Lake Sacajawea, Longview STP, Willow Grove, Mint Farm, Kalama Falls Fish Hatchery, Port of Kalama, Woodland Bottoms

Species of note: Eurasian Wigeon, Thayer's Gull, Red Shouldered Hawk, White-throated Sparrow, Peregrine Falcon, Short-eared Owl

### Skamania

25 January 2013; 7am-6pm

Species Totals: 69/69 (Team/Shared)

Team: Wilson Cady 69, Les Carlson 69, Russ Koppendrayer 69

Traveled: 125 miles by car, zero miles by foot

Visiting: Mt. Pleasant, Marble Road, Franz Lake, Skamania Landing, Hamilton Island, Stevenson, Home Valley Park, Drano Lake, Spring Creek Fish Hatchery, Underwood

Species of note: Trumpeter Swan, Eurasian Wigeon, Red-shouldered Hawk, Wilson's Snipe, Short-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, White-throated Sparrow, Western Meadowlark

Missed: Bewick's Wren. Pine Siskin and House Finch were our biggest misses.

### Island

16 February 2013; 7am-5:30pm

Species Totals: 87/87 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim Brennan 87

Traveled: 90 miles by car, 4 miles by foot

Visiting: Clinton, Deer Lake, Cultus Bay, Deer Lagoon, Coupeville, Crocket Lake, Partridge Point, Swan Lake, Oak Harbor, Dugualla Bay, West Bay

### Whatcom

17 February 2013; 5am-5pm

Species Totals: 89/89 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim Brennan 89

Traveled: 90 miles by car, 4 miles by foot

Visiting: Bellingham, Lummi Flats, Lummi Island Ferry Terminal, Sandy Point, Lake Terrell, Birch Bay, Blaine Marine Park, Tennant Lake

Species of note: Snowy Owl

### Clallam

20 February 2013; ?am-?pm

Species Totals: 102/? (Team/Shared)

Team: John Gatchet ?, Vincent Lucas ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: ?

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Black-crowned Night-Heron

Early: Turkey Vulture, Bullock's Oriole

Missed: Steller's Jay, Thick-billed Murre, White-throated Sparrow, Pileated Woodpecker

## Clark

27 February 2013; 8:30am-3am

Species Totals: 65/65 (Team/Shared)

Team: Les Carlson 65, George Mayfield 65

Traveled: 52 miles by car, .5 miles by foot

Visiting: Vancouver, Ridgefield NWR - River "S" Unit, Vancouver Lake, Shillapo Wildlife Area, Lower River Road

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Canvasback, Red-shouldered Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Townsend's Warbler, Lesser Goldfinch

## Island

8 April 2013; 6:45am-7:45pm

Species Totals: 90/89 (Team/Shared)

Team: Steve Dang 89, Barbara Webster 90, Paul Webster 90

Traveled: 135 miles by car, 1 miles by foot, 6 miles by ferry

Visiting: Clinton Beach County Park, Cultus Bay, Dave Mackie County Park, Ewing Road Marsh, Deer Lagoon, Sunlight Beach, Lone Lake, Penn Cove, Deception Pass State Park, Duguala Bay, Joseph Whidbey State Park, Coupeville, Crockett Lake

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Barn Owl

Late: Northern Shrike

Missed: Black Turnstone, Surfbird, Common Raven, Common Yellowthroat

## Skagit

28 April 2013; ?am-?pm

Species Totals: 103/103 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 103

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Cockreham Island, Lyman, Minkler Flats, Clear Lake, Beaver Lake, Mud Lake, Swan Road, Fisher Slough, Game Range, Jensen Access, March Point, Padilla Bay, Bay View Cemetery, Samish Flats, Samish Island

Species of note:

Vagrant: Solitary Sandpiper, Western Kingbird

Late: Long-tailed Duck, Rough-legged Hawk

Misses: Pied-billed Grebe, Common Merganser, Long-billed Dowitcher, Ring-billed Gull, Northern Flicker, Golden-crowned Kinglet

## Skagit

4 May 2013, 3:50am-5pm

Species Totals: 103/103 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 103

Traveled: ? Miles by car, ? Miles by foot

Visiting: Illabot Creek Road, Barnaby Slough, Martin Road, Rockport, Van Horn Ponds, Concrete, Hamilton, Bletsch residence, Lyman, Minkler Flats, Butler Flats, Samish Flats, Samish Island Public Beach, Samish Island, Bay View State Park, Big Indian Slough

Species of note:

Missed: Red-necked Grebe, Horned Grebe, Pelagic Cormorant, Brandt's Cormorant, American Bittern, Snow Goose, Blue-winged Teal, Gadwall, Greater Scaup, Peregrine Falcon, Roughed Grouse, California Quail, Black-bellied Plover, Black Turnstone, Spotted Sandpiper, Black Oystercatcher, Marbled Murrelet, Common Murre, Rhinoceros Auklet, Morning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Vaux's Swift, Cedar Waxwing, Bushtit, Brown Creeper, Wilson's Warbler

## Yakima

11 May 2013; 12am-?pm

Species Totals: 146/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Scott Downes ?, Luke Safford ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Clear Lake, Hwy 12, Hwy 24, Priest Rapids Dam, Lower Yakima Valley, Toppenish NWR

Species of note: 8 species of Owl, Poorwill

Rare/Unusual: Tri-colored Blackbird

Missed: Chukar, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, White-throated Swift, Calliope Hummingbird, Downy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Canyon Wren, Townsend's Solitaire, Varied Thrush, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Red Crossbill

## Spokane

15 May 2013; ?am-?pm (nearly 17 hours)

Species Totals: 137/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien ?, Warren Walker ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Mount Spokane, Peone Prairie Wetland, Philleo Lake, Turnbull NWR

Species of note: Dusky Grouse, American Bittern, Northern Goshawk, Semipalmated Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, Black Tern, Barn Owl, Vaux's Swift, Western Wood Pewee, Hammond's Flycatcher, Clark's Nutcracker, Hermit Thrush

## Washington State

18 May 2013; 12am-10pm

Species Totals: 197/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Ryan Merrill ?, Annie Meyer ?, Ryan Shaw ?, Charlie Wright ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Tieton Airport Marsh, Clear Lake, Tieton River, Bear Canyon, Toppenish NWR, Lateral C Road, Tule Road, Lyle, Balsch Road, Ridgefield NWR, Rainbow Falls State Park, Willapa Bay, Tokeland, Midway Beach, Westport Jetty

Species of note: White-headed Woodpecker, Harlequin Duck, Bobolink, Gray Flycatcher, Acorn Woodpecker

Rare/Unusual: (at Tokeland) Western Kingbird

## Washington State

18 May 2013; 12am-12pm

Species Totals: 162/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Matt Bartels ?, Sharon Cormier-Aagaard ?, Michael Hobbs ?

Traveled: ? miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Ellensburg, Umptanum Road, Wenas Campground, Toppenish NWR, Bear Canyon, Bethel Ridge, Rimrock Lake, White Pass, Peters Road, Rainbow Falls State Park, Willapa Bay, Tokeland, Westport

Species of note:

Missed: Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, any Grebe *except* Pied-billed, Western Screech-Owl, Bushtit, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Orange-crowned Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Lark Sparrow, Red Crossbill

## Washington State

18 May 2013; 12am-11:30pm

Species Totals: 127/? (Team/Shared)

Team: Cara Borre ?, Jordan Gunn ?, Sarah Peden ?, Doug Schurman ?

Traveled: 700 miles by car, ? miles by foot

Visiting: Bethel Ridge, Tieton Airport Marsh, Yakima, Lateral C Road, Toppenish NWR, Tule Road, Lyle, Balch Lake, Ridgefield NWR

## Skagit

1 June 2013, 1:50am-9:50pm

Species Totals: 118/118 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 118

Traveled: ? Miles by car, ? Miles by foot

Visiting: (?Hwy 20) Milepost 76 fields, Illabot Creek, Barnaby Slough, Marblemount - various sites, Rockport - various sites, Van Horn Ponds, Grassmere, Hamilton, Cockreham Island, Minkler Flats, Sedro-Woolley, Butler Flats, Samish Flats, Samish Island, Padilla Bay, March Point, Padilla Heights, Cockreham Island

Species of note: Wilson's Phalarope, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Least Flycatcher, Dusky Flycatcher,

## Island

5 June 2013; 6:15am-8:30pm

Species Totals: 93/93 (Team/Shared)

Team: Steve Dang 93, Barbara Webster 93, Paul Webster 93

Traveled: 118 miles by car, 2 miles by foot, 6 miles by foot

Visiting: Clinton Beach County Park, Deer Lake Road, Rollinghill Road, Dave Mackie County Park, Ewing Road Marsh, Deer Lagoon, Sunlight Beach, Langley, Goss Lake, South Whidbey State Park, Fort Casey, Pacific Rim Institute Prairie, Bos Lake

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Eastern Kingbird

Missed: Townsend's Warbler, Western Tanager

## Spokane

5 June 2013; 2:35am-8:12pm

Species Totals: 140 (Team/Shared)

Team: Tim O'Brien 140

Traveled: 217 miles by car, 1 miles by foot

Visiting: West Plains, Turnbull NWR, Riverside State Park, Philleo Lake, Little Spokane Natural Area, Peone Prairie, Mount Spokane State Park

Species of note:

Missed: Virginia Rail, Pileated Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Steller's Jay, Brown Creeper, Hermit Thrush, Orange-crowned Warbler

## Skagit

7 September 2013; 7am-8:10pm

Species Totals: 101 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 101

Traveled: 148 miles by car, 3.3 by foot

Visiting: Cockreham Island, Hamilton, Corkindale, Marblemount Boat Launch, Skagit River Bend at SR 20 milepost 101, Rockport State Park, Van Horn Ponds, Bletsch residence, Lyman, Minkler Flats, DeBay's Slough, Fir Island Game Range, Hayton Reserve, Jensen Access, Channel Drive, March Point, Anacortes, Padilla Bay, Samish Flats, Samish Island, Samish Flats

Species of note: Common Tern, Cassin's Vireo, Vesper Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow

Missed: Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper, Hummingbirds, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Dark-eyed Junco, Brown-headed Cowbird

## Island

11 September 2013; 6:45am-7:30pm

Species Totals: 88/88 (Team/Shared)

Team: Steve Dang 88, Barbara Webster 88, Paul Webster 88

Traveled: 152 miles by car, 1 miles by foot, 6 miles by ferry

Visiting: Clinton Beach County Park, Deer Lake Road, Rollinghill Road, Dave Mackie County Park, Ewing Road Marsh, Deer Lagoon, Sunlight Beach, Useless Bay, Crockett Lake, Fort Ebey, Libbey Beach County Park, Hastie Lake Landing, Bos Lake, Oak Harbor

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: Horned Lark

Missed: Downy Woodpecker

## Skagit

17 November 2013; 8am-7:25pm

Species Totals: 94/94 (Team/Shared)

Team: Gary Bletsch 94

Traveled: 140 miles by car

Visiting: Cockreham Island, Hamilton, Concrete, Van Horn Ponds, Martin Road, Skagit River Bend at SR 20 milepost 101, Concrete, Grassmere, Lyman, Sedro Woolley, Butler Flats, Samish Flats, Samish Island, West 90, Bingo Hall Lagoon, Similk Bay, Skagit Flats, Fir Island, North Fork Access, Jensen Access, Hayton Preserve, Game Range, Harry Osborne State Forest

Species of note: Roughed Grouse, American Bittern

Missed: Lesser Scaup, American Coot, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Downy Woodpecker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Savannah Sparrow

## Island

4 December 2013; 7:15am-4:30pm

Species Totals: 80/80 (Team/Shared)

Team: Steve Dang 80, Barbara Webster 80, Paul Webster 80

Traveled: 115 miles by car, 1 miles by foot, 6 miles by ferry

Visiting: Clinton Beach County Park, Deer Lake Road, Dave Mackie County Park, Ewing Road Marsh, Deer Lagoon, Sunlight Beach, Useless Bay, Crockett Lake, Fort Ebey, Libbey Beach County Park, Hastie Lake Landing, Bos Lake, Oak Harbor, Dugualla Bay

Species of note:

Rare/Unusual: White-throated Sparrow

Missed: Pacific Loon, Rhinoceros Auklet, Common Raven

## Washington State and County BIG DAY RECORDS by month

monthly totals	110	112	121	143	208	157	136	127	121	113	104	102
with 2013 updates	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
State					208		136				104	
Adams												
Asotin	62	56			110		98	102	66	61		
Benton												
Chelan												
Clallam		102										
Clark	78	65								69		
Columbia										67	57	50
Cowlitz	83											
Douglas			74									
Ferry			61									
Franklin				65								
Garfield											56	
Grant												61
Grays Harbor			96		162							
Island		87		90		93		92	88			80
Jefferson											64	
King	82			111	126							90
Kitsap	110	112									104	102
Kittitas												
Klickitat					120	114						
Lewis					78						78	
Lincoln				113							70	66
Mason											57	57
Okanogan					121							
Pacific	71											
Pend Oreille		60			133		106	127			54	
Pierce					137							
San Juan										94		
Skagit	80	86	91	103	146	118	77	103	101	78	94	95
Skamania	69	66	70	77	68	73	86	76	80	76	78	81
Snohomish												
Spokane	62	72	80	121	143	140					80	66
Stevens				100				101		60		
Thurston												
Wahkiakum		74			121							85
Walla Walla							136					
Whatcom		89										
Whitman	45			72	113							
Yakima					146							